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1. "A gradual liquidation of small camps belonging to the network of corrective labor camps (ITL) set up in the Udmurt Autonomous SSR has taken place since mid-March 1953.

2. "About 17,000 prisoners, of Russian and Byelorussian nationality, were detained in these camps. They were mainly former kolkhoz members sentenced by administrative procedure to one to five years of corrective labor camp detention for various offences against the Collectivisation Bill.

3. "The inmates are gradually being transferred to large centers at Izhevsk, Vashkinsk [not in NIS Gazetteer] and Mozhga. There they are issued with old Soviet summer uniforms. According to rumors circulating in the area, all young inmates, between the ages of 16 to 30, will undergo military training lasting three months. Some of them will then be inducted into the Soviet Army. The remaining ones and the older inmates will be directed to the coal mine centers in the Northern Urals."

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